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ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

Please complete and return the following questionnaire for our reference file on May Show artists.

FULL NAME: Janice L. Wrzesinski

professional name: Jan McKay

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH:

2/28/53 Lorain, Ohio

CATEGORY/PRIMARY MEDIA: Photography

PRESENT POSITION

Head of Communications and Public Relations
The Cleveland Museum of Natural History

ART TRAINING (Schools, Scholarships, etc.):

No formal training in art - self-taught.

I have a B.A. from the University of Dayton and an M.A. from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Both degrees are in Mass Communication. I have taken some photography courses and art classes at UD. I also belong to the Cleveland Photographic Society.

EXHIBITIONS IN WHICH YOUR WORK HAS BEEN SHOWN (include location and year):

none

COLLECTIONS THAT NOW INCLUDE YOUR WORK:

private collections

AWARDS:

none for art, some for volunteerism and other activities.

We would appreciate having a statement about your philosophy and work as an artist—either general or something specific about the piece(s) selected for this year's May Show to aid us in the preparation of gallery talks and in the release of publicity materials. For more space, use the back of this sheet.

I often gravitate toward a type-of surrealistic interpretation of what I see. Patterns, shadows and colors interest me, especially if they distort what might be the realistic, straight-forward statement. Of course, the straight-forward can also be surrealistic, which makes seeing something to photograph all the more interesting and fun. The range of what I can feel based on what I see always amazes me. I guess I use my photography as a way to share, express, marvel and comfort.